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SUBJECT: STATUS OF US-PROCURED ITEMS FOR NEW COMMERCIAL
OFFICE

FOR COMMERCE/BEWT-RICE

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REF: BLOW-RICE TELECON, MARCH 29, 1974

1. EMBASSY EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED LEARN THROUGH REF TELECON THAT ALL US-PROCURED ITEMS FOR NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOT DUE TO BE SHIPPED FROM NEW YORK UNTIL LATTER PART OF APRIL WITH ARRIVAL HELSINKI SCHEDULED MAY 2. UNDER OPTIMAL CONDITIONS, THIS MEANSTHAT THESE ITEMS WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW NO EARLIER THAN MAY 10, AND FURTHER DELAYS QUITE POSSIBLE. IN MEANTIME, NEW COMMERCIAL OFFICE, WORK ON WHICH NOW SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION APRIL 19, WILL NOT BE IN CONDITION USE FOR MOST OF INTENDED FUNCTIONS. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE STATE AND COMMERCE CAN PROVIDE IN EXPEDITING SHIPMENT OF ITEMS IN QUESTION.

2. OF VARIOUS ITEMS INVOLVED, MOST IMPORTANT FOR IMMEDIATE OPERATIONS OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE IS CARPETING. IS THERE ANY CHANCE OF AIR FREIGHTING CARPET TO HELSINKI FOR FORWARDING TO MOSCOW OR WOULD COST BE PROHIBITIVE? PLEASE ADVISE.

3. FOR VIENNA. DURING DISCUSSION MARCH 27 WITH EMBASSY
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OFFICERS, ARCHITECT FRANK INDICATED THAT DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF US-

PROCURED ITEMS WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR HIM. PLEASE ADVISE
FRANK OF LIKELY TIME OF ARRIVAL OF THESE ITEMS AND INFORM
EMBASSY OF HIS REACTION. ON BASIS FRANK'S COMMENTS DURING HIS
LATEST VISIT TO MOSCOW, EMBASSY ASSUMES ADDITIONAL COSTS
WILL BE INVOLVED IN SENDING LABORERS BACK TO MOSCOW FOR
INSTALLATION OF ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER COMPLETION OF BULK
OF WORK.
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